



Garland Fire News Release

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Sherwin Williams Plant Fire Investigation

On August 7, at approximately 1:20 a.m., Garland Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 701 S. Shiloh Road, Sherwin Williams.

Fire units arrived on the scene, discovering a large fire ongoing and observing several large explosions. Fire units immediately evacuated the plant and took measures to ensure all plant employees were accounted for, with one employee being treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Ultimately, 16 Garland Fire units responded to the scene. After approximately two hours, the fire department was able to suppress the fire.

The Garland Fire Department is aware that during the fire a strong chemical odor was observed by people in the area.

As fire suppression efforts were underway, a hazardous materials team responded and initiated preliminary air quality testing at the site and in nearby neighborhoods. Based on the results of the initial testing, it was determined that an evacuation of the surrounding area was not necessary.

Ongoing efforts are now focused on more extensive air quality and stormwater runoff testing. Out of an abundance of caution, the city has requested assistance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We have also requested the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct fly-over air monitoring assessments. Test results we have received continue to indicate there is no need to evacuate the surrounding area.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Therefore, the city is requesting the public to please stay out of the immediate area. For those who live in the area, rest assured that air and stormwater quality are very high priorities. If our testing identifies hazards, we will immediately notify those in the affected area.

Garland Fire Department will release additional information as available.